

Minutes
of
Board of Commissioners
of ^{the} State O. S. Force.

Executive Chamber, April 22nd 1868.

The Board met - Present -

His Excellency Thomas Swann,
Hon. Robert Fowler,
" Wm. J. Leonard,
" W. J. McPherson,
James S. Franklin

On motion of Hon. Robert Fowler His Excellency Thomas Swann was elected President, and James S. Franklin Secretary of the Board -

The Board proceeded to the election of Commanding Officer of the State Oyster Police Force - the following names having been presented to the consideration of the Board by Petitions and letters of recommendation:

Hunter Davidson,
James W. Cornington,
Joseph White,
John A. Kirwan,
Thomas Travers,
George A. White.

Hunter Davidson, having received five ballots for said Office, was declared unanimously elected.

On motion of Hon. R. Fowler, the President was authorized to convene the Board at such times as he may deem Expedient.

On motion of the President, the Hon. Wm. J. Leonard and the Commanding Officer elected were authorized to take such steps as they may deem advisable for the employment a per-

Chase of the vessels mentioned in the Act. Creating the
Oyster Police Force, & report the same to the Board.

On motion of Hon. Wm. J. Leonard, the Board
adjourned.

Executive Chamber, June 12th 1868.

The Board met - Present:

His Excellency Thomas Swann,
Hon. Robert Fowler,
" Wm. J. Leonard
J. S. Franklin.

The Report of Commander Hunter Davidson of the
proceedings of the Oyster Force during the month of
May 1868 was received and filed - also Commu-
nications relative to the appointment of an Inspector,
& upon the Subject of the Enrollment & License of the
Vessels under his Command, under the Laws of the
United States.

A communication was also received
& filed from Hon Wm. M. Pheasant, Commissioner
of Labor and Agriculture, addressed to Commander
Davidson requesting his Co-operation in matters
calculated to promote the Efficiency of his
Department - The suggestions therein contained
were concurred in by the Board & the letter returned,
with such concurrence endorsed, to the Hon -
Wm. M. Pheasant.

The Board adjourned until
again convened by the President -

Annapolis (Treasury Department) July 30th 1868.

The Board met - Present:

Hon. R. Fowler

" W. J. Leonard

J. S. Franklin.

On motion of Hon. R. Fowler, Hon. W. J. Leonard was appointed President pro. tem.

The account of Hunter Davidson, Commander State O. P. Force for incidental expenses for month of June, amounting to \$44.⁴³, account for medical services rendered crew for \$5.⁰⁰, & account for pay & ration due Isaac S. Sanner, ^{1st Mate} for month of June, amounting to \$109.⁰⁰ & similar account due John C. Henry ^{2nd Mate} for \$59.⁰⁰ were presented & severally passed by the Board -

A communication from Commander Davidson, relative to the purchase of a twelve pounder Dahlgren gun & equipment, - from the Tredegar Works was received & read, & the President requested to answer said communication & authorize Commander Davidson to contract with the Tredegar Works to furnish said gun.

On motion of Hon. R. Fowler the Board adjourned -

Executive Chamber, September 14th 1868.

The Board met - Present:

Hon. Thomas Swann,
" R. Fowler,
" W^m J. Leonard
J. S. Franklin.

Commander Davidson presented (verbally) the application of Messrs Sumner, Shaw & Co, asking that the time for fulfilling their contract for the completion of Steamer be extended until the first day of November next -

It was resolved by the Board that the application be granted & the time extended until the day named, provided said Contractors execute a bond to the State conditioned in the penalty of five thousand for the faithful fulfillment of the original & extended contract, their present bond to continue in force; & further provided that if the use of the Ice Boat shall not be granted by the Commissioners of the "River & Harbor Relief Board", that said Contractors shall at their own expense furnish a suitable Boat for the use of their Oyster Police Force until the Steamer contracted to be built by them shall have been completed and ready for service.

The Board, after hearing the reasons suggested by Commander Davidson, resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to issue his warrant in favor of said Contractors for the

payment of the amount of the second installment under their contract.

The following Resolution was also passed by the Board:

"Resolved that Commander Davidson is hereby authorized and requested to communicate with the Commissioners of the River and Harbor Relief Board, and request them, in the name of this Board, to allow him, as Commander of the State Oyster Police Force, to have the use of the Ice Boat under the control of the said Commissioners until the first of November next, the State Oyster Police Force to be responsible for all expenses of said boat."

On motion of Hon. W^m J. Leonard, the Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber, October 19th 1868.

The Board met - Present:

Hon. Thomas Swann,
" Robert Fowler,
" W^m J. Leonard,
James S. Franklin.

On motion, the minutes were corrected by the insertion in the Resolution extending the time for completion of the Steamer by inserting the words "and further provided that if the use of the Ice Boat shall be granted to the Oyster Police Force, that said Contractors shall be responsible for all Exp^{ts} in cost of fuel

On Motion of Hon. Wm. J. Leonard,
Hon Robert Fowler was constituted Executive Officer
of this Board to sign & execute an additional con-
tract providing for the Completion of the Steamer for the
use of the Oyster Police Force -

On Motion of Hon.
Robert Fowler, the Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber, February 11th 1869

The Board Met - Present:

Hon. Oden Bowie,
" Robert Fowler,
" Wm. J. McPherson,
" James S. Franklin.

On Motion of Hon. Robert Fowler, His Excellency
Oden Bowie was elected President of the Board.

A. Communication from John Henry, Mate of
S.O. P. Force was laid over until the next meeting
of the Board -

The Monthly reports & accompanying detailed
Statements of Commander Davidson were re-
ferred for the months of September, October, Novem-
ber and December 1868 were received, read
and filed -

On Motion of James S. Franklin the Agree-
ment entered into between Commander Da-
vidson and the Authorities of the State of

Virginia relative to the jurisdiction of said States over certain waters in the Chesapeake Bay was read, & the action of Commander Davidson in the premises approved by the Board.

On motion of Atty. Robert Fowler the Attorney General was requested to publish his revised Opinion upon the Dyabon Law, & publish the same, with notice to be appended by Commander Davidson, notifying all concerned that, after the expiration of the time limited in said notice, he will proceed to execute the Law in accordance with the views expressed in such revised Opinion; and in the meantime Commander Davidson ~~was~~ ^{is hereby} instructed to ~~take~~ cause an immediate seizure of a vessel & arrest of her crew in such locality, as will enable him to have ^{the legality of} such seizure & arrest judicially decided as a test case before his Honor Judge Robinson -

On motion of Atty. R. Fowler the Board adjourned.

Office of Commissioners of Labor & Agriculture.
Baltimore, March 31st 1869.

The Board met - Present:

Hon Oden Bowie,

" R. Fowler,

J. S. Franklin

A statement was made to the Board by Messrs Shaw & Sarner, & by their Counsel M. Mullin Esq, of extra expenses incurred in the construction of the State Steamer & asking the cooperation thereof as to a part thereof, and the recommendation of the Board to the Legislature for the payment of the balance -

The consideration of which matter was postponed to the next meeting of the Board -

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Sarner on the part of the contractors acquiescing in the same, the following order was passed by the Board -

" Baltimore, March 31st 1869.

Ordered by the Board of Commissioners of the State Oyster Police Force that Commodore Davidson be hereby instructed immediately to take possession of the State Steamer "Leila", in the name of the State, and proceed to complete her equipment for service as rapidly as possible, and to superintend and hasten her completion by the Contractors according to the contract and specifications."

The Board then adjourned until Thursday next April 8th (Monday) to be held at Annapolis.

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Executive Chamber April 8th 1869.

The Board met - Present -

His Excellency Eden Bowie,
Hon R. Fowler,
" W. J. Leonard,
" W. S. M. Thayer
J. L. Franklin.

A Communication was received and read from Com-
mander Davidson, giving the particulars of an Ex-
perimental trip to Cambridge, made in the Steamer
"Leila"; also a copy of a letter addressed by him
to Messrs Shaw & Sauer.

A Statement was made
by Mr Sauer to the Board of the Condition of
the vessel, and a list of debts contracted by
him for work & materials on the same was read.
An informal agreement was made by the Board
with Mr Sauer for the appointment of a board
of three Inspectors to examine & report upon the
work done upon the Steamer -

The Board then
adjourned.

Executive Chamber, April 26th 1869.

The Board met - Present:

His Excellency Otho Bowie,
Hon Robert Fowler,
" Wm J. Leonard,
J. L. Franklin.

A communication was received from James Revell Esq, State Attorney for Anne Arundel County, requesting the Board to obtain the Services of Attorney General Jones to participate in the trial of cases pending in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County involving the constitutionality of the Dyala Law -

The Attorney General being engaged in the trial of other Cases on behalf of the State, the Board adopted an order authorizing the President of the Board to employ Counsel to represent the interests of the State in said Cases -

Executive Chamber, April 20 1870.

The Board met - Present:

Hon. John Merryman,
" Levin Woolford,
" Wm. S. McPherson,
James S. Franklin

On motion Hon. Levin Woolford was called to the Chair.

The following accounts were submitted to the Board, & severally passed:

"Balt. American" for advertising	\$4.80
" " "Gazette" " " "	\$4.00
" " "Sun" " " "	\$5.10
"Eastern Shoreman" " " "	\$8.00
"Thomas C. Turner" " " "	\$10.00
"Centerville Observer" " " "	\$4.00
George Colton printing & "	\$200.00

A number of Communications were read, recommending various persons as suitable for the Command of the Cycle Police Force.

Sundry letters were also read, complaining of neglect of Official duty by Capt. Commander Davidson.

An investigation was then had by the board into the Charges against Commander Davidson, J. J. McCullough & appearing as Counsel for the complainants.

After the Examination of all witnesses produced on both

sides, and commutation had by the board, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that it is the opinion of this Board that the Charges advanced against Commander Davidson are not Sustained by the Evidence: but Commander Davidson is hereby honorably acquitted on each and every of said Charges; and that his official Action, so far as brought to the Knowledge of this board, is hereby fully endorsed as that of a faithful and Efficient Public Officer".

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Commander of the Oyster Police Force for the ensuing two years, when it appearing that Hunter Davidson had received four ballots, he was unanimously declared as Commander of the Oyster Police Force.

The following resolution was passed: "Resolved that two members of this Board, Messrs Mayman & M. P. Pearson, with Capt Davidson, be requested to make inquiry, and receive proposals, and furnishing the State with two Assistant Sailing Vessels, & make report to the Board at their next meeting, to be held on Tuesday the

3rd May 1870. The Board then adjourned
to meet again on Tuesday 3rd May 1870.

Executive Chamber, May 3rd 1870

The Board met. Present:

Hon. Oden Bowie,
" John Meryman,
" Leon Woolford.

On motion the Committee heretofore appointed
upon the subject were directed to advertise for
proposals (to be opened on 4th instant) for the
construction of the two Sail vessels to be
constructed for the use of the Oyster Police
Force.

The Board adjourned.

Friday, May 13th 1870.

The Board met. Present:

Hon. Oden Bowie,
" John Meryman,
" Leon Woolford,
" J. L. Franklin.

The Committee (Messrs Meryman & Davidson)
heretofore appointed reported that they had
contracted with Daniel Constantine for building
the two Sloops required for the Oyster Police Force,
for the sum of Five thousand three hundred
and fifty dollars, he being the lowest bidder

under the advertised proposals. On motion
the report of the Committee was adopted
by the Board; and the Commissioners present,
together with Daniel Constantine, pro-
ceeded to sign the Contract of agreement
(in duplicate) for the building of said
Sloops; and the said Daniel Constantine
signed also the Specifications for building
the same, and executed the proper
bond to the State of Maryland for the faith-
ful performance of his said Contract.
On motion the Board adjourned.

Baltimore, September 7th 1870.

The Board met - Present:

Am. John Merryman,
" Levin Woolford,
" Wm. S. McPherson,
J. L. Franklin.

The members of the Board present proceeded
to inspect the two vessels constructed by Mr
Daniel Constantine for the use of the Ocean
Force, and found that the same were
built in conformity with the terms & spe-
cifications of the Contract. They accordingly
accepted the same from him, and placed
them in charge of the proper officers of the
Force.

On motion the Board adjourned

Executive Chamber,

October 19th 1890

The Board met. Present:

Am. Oden Bowie,

" John Menzies,

" Levin Woolford

J. S. Kanter

Hon Levin Woolford offered the following order:

"Whereas Capt. Hunter Davidson, commanding the Oyster Police Force of the State of Maryland, heretofore entered into a police arrangement and agreement with Capt. Lovitt, commanding the Oyster Police Force of the State of Virginia, as to a line beyond which the respective forces would not pass in the execution of the laws of the respective States, and whereas the said agreement was not authorized by any law of the State of Maryland, and may tend to embarrass the rights of Citizens of Maryland in waters claimed by both States, and whereas said agreement is now relied on by the Governor of Virginia as a concession or compromise of the rights of the Citizens of Maryland, in a portion of the waters claimed by this State since its existence as a Colony & State; Therefore

resolved by the Board of Commissioners of
the State Oyster Police Force of the State of Maryland,
that the said police agreement so entered into
as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby de-
clared to be of no force or validity for any pur-
pose not personal to said respective Commanders,
and is hereby expressly abrogated from this time
forth for any and every purpose whatever.

Resolved that the resolution of this board, as
to the above agreement, of 11th February 1862 be
and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion by general consent of the Commissioners,
action on the above resolution was deferred
until a response from the Governor of Virginia
to the last communication addressed to him
by Governor Bowie shall have been received.
On motion the Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber,

April 11th 1872.

The Board met - Present:

Hon. Wm. Quincy White,
" John W. Davis,
" Levin Woolford,
" Wm. A. Hayward,
" S. L. Franklin

On motion of S. L. Franklin the Board proceeded to ballot for Commanders of the ^{State} ~~City~~ Police Force for two years from the 2nd April instant.

On motion of S. L. Franklin that the President of the Board appoint a Teller, Mr. Wm. A. Hayward was so appointed, and announced the result of the 1st Ballot as follows:

For Capt. Sanner	2 votes,
" Capt Hunter Davison	2 "
" Capt. Joseph White	1 vote.

There being no choice, a second ballot was taken with the following result:

For F. Louis Griffith	1 vote,
" Capt. A. Davison	2 votes,
" " Joseph White	1 vote,
" " Wm. C. Timmons	1 vote,

There being no choice, a third ballot was taken, with the following result:

For Capt. William E. Timmons	3 votes,
" " Hunter Davison	2 votes,

Whereupon Capt. William E. Timmons, having

received a Majority of the whole number of
votes Cast was declared duly Elected as Com-
mander of the State ^{Fighting} Police Force for two
years from the 22nd of April instant.

On motion

the Board adjourned -

Comptroller's Office,

February 5th - 1873 -

The Board met - Present:

Commissioners:

Hon. Levin Woolford

" John W. Davis,

" W^m H. Hayward,

J. L. Franklin,

On Motion of Commissioner Davis, Hon
Levin Woolford was Called to the Chair.

The Secretary read to the Board a communication from J. Parnum Crane Esq. State's Attorney for St. Mary's County, relative to violations of the By-Laws in the St Marys and Patuxent Rivers; whereupon the following order, offered by Commissioner Franklin, was unanimously adopted:

Ordered by the Commissioners of the State Fishery Force, this fifth day of February 1873, that the Secretary Communicate with Captain Simmons as soon as practicable, and direct him by the Authority of this Board, immediately to repair with his Force to the St Marys River, and at once there Communicate with the State's Attorney for St Mary's County and the other proper civil authorities, and to take such steps, in conjunction with such authorities, or independently, if necessary, to cause the arrest of all persons and vessels charged

with violating the oyster laws of this State,
and carry such parties and vessels so cap-
tured before the proper Civil Authorities for
trial and to report in writing to this Board
an account of his proceedings under this
order.

Commissioner Davis moved that the Secretary
furnish Captain Minnow with a copy
of the above order and of the Communi-
cation from J. Parker Crane Esq; which
was adopted.

The bill of James Clark Esq
for repairs to the Steamer Seila, (\$5002.82) and
the bill of R. S. Brown Esq, for other repairs to the
Seila (\$194.45) were severally passed by the
Board to be paid when their correct accounts shall
have been certified by Captain Minnow.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber, March 11th 1873

The Board met - Present:

His Exy. Wm. Rufus Whyte,
Hon. Levi Woolford,
" John W. Davis,
" Wm. H. Hayward,
I. S. Franklin.

The Petition of sundry Citizens of Queen Anne's County, relative to violations of the Oyster Law in the Waters of that County was read and considered by the Board -

A deputation of said Citizens being present, statements relative to the offences complained of were made by Thomas J. Keating, Edward Boyan, Noah Ballen and others -

The following order was, after consideration of the matter, passed by the Board:

"Captain Simmons is hereby instructed that if, from his own knowledge, or from other reliable information, he finds that any vessel has been Tacking about, as is done in dredging, on prohibited grounds; or if net oysters, ropes or dredges are found on board, or other suspicious circumstances exist, indicating dredging on prohibited grounds, to arrest such vessels and all on board, and carry them for trial before the Judge of the Circuit Court, whenever the

same can conveniently be done; and if not, then before some Justice of the Peace for trial.

The account of Isaac S. Lamm for services in the Police Force was passed to the extent of \$54.65.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber, April 29th 1843

The Board met - Present:

Hon. W^m Pritchard White,
" Levin Woolford,
" John W. Davis,
" W^m H. Hayward -

The Proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved -

Captain Timmons made his report for the months of March and April last -

Executive Chamber, May 20th 1843

The Board met - Present:

Hon. W^m Pritchard White,
" Levin Woolford,
" John W. Davis,
" W^m H. Hayward
" James S. Franklin

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved -

A communication was read to the Board, signed by Messrs Job Murphy and others, charging Capt McCreedy, of the Fishery Force, with knowingly permitting the violation of the Oyster Law in the waters of "Fishing Bay" and "Shas-fin" -

The Board adopted an order appointing Tuesday 3rd June next for the investigation of said charges, and directing the proper notification thereof to be given to Capt McCreedy and to the parties making said charges.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber,
June 3rd 1873.

The Board met - Present,
Governor St. Lawrence (Wife)
Comptrol & Woolford
Land Commr, W R Haymond
The proceedings of the last meeting were read & approved.

Capt McCreedy was present & answers the charges made against him by Job Murphy & others.

None of the parties accusing him of neglect of duty, appeared, and

a communication from Thomas
Lodd, one of them, asking for
a postponement, was received
& laid before the Board.

Whereupon it was ordered
that Wednesday July 2. 1873
at 11 AM the Board will
take up the charges against
Capt McCreedy & that
notice be given to Thomas
Lodd & others to be present
at that time.

A communication from members
of the Grand Jury of Talbot County
charging Capt Simmons with
neglect of duty was laid before
the Board and the Board
determined to take up the
matter for hearing on the 2nd
day of July 1873 at 11 AM &
directed notification to be
given to Mr Gold Dwyer Esq
Foreman of the Grand Jury to
be present.

On motion, Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber,

July 3rd 1893.

The Board met - Present:

His Excellency W^m Massey White,

Am. Levin Woolford,

" W^m R. Hayward,

J. S. Franklin.

The Proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved -

The Charges of neglect of duty
as made by the Grand Jury of Gallat County
against Capt. William L. Timmons were
investigated by the Board - After reading
the correspondence filed upon the subject,
Messrs Samuel H. Leth and Arthur H. Wren, and
Messrs Goldsborough, Gow, and Kemp were
respectively sworn and examined - Capt.
Timmons made also his explanations in
defense - There being no other witnesses present,
this investigation was suspended until to-
morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

The Board then took up the investigation of
similar Charges against Capt. McCreedy,
of the Sloop

Messrs Thomas

Fodd and Job Murphy were sworn and testi-
fied, and exculpatory explanations were
made by Capt. McCreedy.

The Board adjourned
until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

Executive Chamber,

July 3rd 1873

The Board met - Present:

His Excellency W. M. McKim White,

Am. Gen. Lewis Woolford

Wm. R. Howard

J. S. Franklin

The Board resumed the investigation of the charges against Capt. Wm. E. Simmons, Captain Finnanon, Joseph H. Grott, Isaac Gibra, Justice George Haddaway, Ormond Hammond, John J. Harrison, James H. Covey, Robert Ford, George J. Whittington were sworn and examined in support of the charges; and Capt. Coffey, 2nd Office Townsend

Cox and Sidney. The further investigation of this case was suspended until 16th July instant, in order to obtain the testimony of Charles H. Gibson Esq.

The charges against Captain McCreedy were then resumed by the Board, which after hearing the testimony of Capt. Coffey + 2nd Office Townsend, Cox and Sidney McCreedy, and a defense made by John H. Hardy Esq. passed the following order "Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the State Fishery Force that the charges of wilful neglect of duty brought against Capt. Robert H. McCreedy are not sustained by the evidence, and he is hereby declared discharged from further...

The Board adjourned until Wednesday 16th
July instant.

Executive Chamber,
July 16th 1873

The Board met. Present:

His Ex^{cy} W^m Perry White
Hon^{ble} Levi Woolford,
" John W. Davis,
" W. R. Hayward

The investigation of the charges made against
Capt. William E. Timmons was resumed
by the Board.

Messrs Charles H. Gibson,
William H. Buff, Oswald Filghman,
Gilbert M. Lewis, Alpheus A. Townsend,
and James A. L. McClure were respectively
sworn and examined.

Charles H. Gibson
Esq, State's Attorney for Talbot County made
a statement to the Board explanatory
of his views and construction of the Oyster
Laws.

John H. Hardy Esq appeared for
and represented Captain Timmons.

The Board, after a short consultation,
by a unanimous vote, declared Capt.
Timmons to be honorably acquitted.

Upon all of the charges upon which the
investigation was based -

On motion the
Board adjourned -

Present: Hon. Wm. Whyte
Hon. John Wolford
" John W. Davis, Executive Chamber,
" Wm. Hayward
" J. S. Franklin, Thursday, September 9th 1893 -

Upon the urgent recommendation of Hon.
Samuel Hamilton & Ormond Hammond,
and other prominent citizens of Talbot
County, the Board recommended to His
Excellency Governor Whyte to remit the
State's portion of two fines of one hundred
and forty dollars each imposed upon
George W. Tyler for violation of the Oyster Laws,
~~the State's~~ ^{Justice Haddaway,} the State's
portion of two other fines of one hundred
dollars each imposed upon the same
party by ~~the State's Justice,~~ ^{Justice Haddaway,} and the State's
portion of three fines of Ninety-six
dollars each for same alleged of-
fense imposed upon John Tyler by
Justice Haddaway.

The Secretary was di-
rected to communicate the views of the
Board as to the proper mode of application
for payment of his bill for services
rendered the State to J. Parson Crane Esq.
On motion the Board adjourned -

Executive Chamber, October 24th 1873

The Board met - Present:

Mr. Wallace

Mr. Lewis Wolford

" John W. Ellis

" W. R. Hayward

J. S. Hutton

A Petition was laid before the Board by Major Sprigg Harwood, signed by many citizens of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, asking the Board to recommend the appointment of Samuel Mitchell to the command in the 1st Artillery Force made vacant by the death of Capt Saugell -

The Board adjourned until Friday 7th November next

London, 11th Dec 1841

My dear Mr. Taylor

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well.

I have not yet had time to write you more fully, but I will do so as soon as possible.

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Friday, November 21st 1843

The Board met - Present:

Hon. Wm. Pringle Whyte,
" Lewis Woolford,
" John W. Davis,
J. S. Simmons.

James A. L. McBlue Esq made a statement to the Board in behalf of the owners & Captains of vessels recently arrested by Capt. Samuel Mitchell -

Capt Mitchell being absent, & no witnesses present, the Board, without taking any action in the premises, adjourned -

Monday, November 25th 1843

The Board met - Present: All the members - James A. L. McBlue Esq renewed his statement of the complaint against Capt Mitchell relative to the taking of licenses from the Captains of certain vessels -

Capt Mitchell also made a statement of facts & of his apprehension of the law -

On motion the Board adopted the following order:

" Ordered that Capt. Simmons is hereby requested to instruct Capt. Mitchell to deliver to the parties from

whom they were taken the licenses of said
parties now in his possession, and
further to instruct him that there is no
power given by law under which he has
authority to take such licenses from parties
having the same, but only to demand
their exhibition and to examine the same."

On Motion the Board adjourned.

Thursday, April 23rd 1874
The Board met - Present:

- Hon. James B. Groome,
- " Levin Woolford,
- " Barnes Compton,
- " William H. Hayward,
- James S. Franklin.

After a consideration of the ^{motion of the} Act of 1874 ch. 181 which leaves it discretionary with the Board to appoint a Secretary, ~~the~~ ~~Hon~~ ~~Wm~~ ~~H.~~ ~~Hayward~~ moved to discontinue with the services of a salaried Secretary, ^{which motion was adopted;} and, at the request of the Board, James S. Franklin consented to continue the performance of the duties of Secretary.

On motion the Board proceeded to ballot for the Office of Commander of the "State Fishery Force, with the following result:

1st Ballot:

- William E. Simmons — 1 vote
- Samuel M. Travers — 2 votes
- F. Louis Griffith — 1 vote
- Lefe K. Hines — 1 "

2nd Ballot:

- John F. Wilson — 1 vote
- Lefe K. Hines — 1 "
- F. Louis Griffith — 1 "
- Samuel M. Travers — 1 "
- William E. Simmons — 1 "

3rd Ballot:

John F. Wilson — 1 vote
Depe K. Hines — 1 "
Samuel M. Graves — 1 "
William E. Simmons — 1 "
F. Louis Griffith — 1 "

4th Ballot:

Depe K. Hines — 1 vote
S. M. Graves — 1 "
Wm E. Simmons — 1 "
John F. Wilson — 1 "
F. Louis Griffith — 1 "

5th Ballot:

Wm E. Simmons — 2 votes
J. K. Hines — 1 vote
S. M. Graves — 1 "
J. F. Wilson — 1 "

6th Ballot:

John F. Wilson — 1 vote
J. K. Hines — 1 "
S. M. Graves — 1 "
F. Louis Griffith — 1 "
Wm E. Simmons — 1 "

7th Ballot:

William E. Simmons — 1 vote
John F. Wilson — 1 "
Depe K. Hines — 1 "
S. M. Graves — 1 "
Southey F. Miles — 1 "

8th Ballot:

S. M. Graves — 2 votes
S. F. Miles — 1 vote
J. K. Hines — 2 votes

9th Ballot:

S. M. Graves — 2 votes
S. F. Miles — 1 vote
J. K. Hines — 2 votes

10th Ballot:

J. K. Hines — 2 votes
S. M. Graves — 1 vote
John F. Wilson — 1 "
Blank — 1

11th Ballot:

Depe K. Hines — 4 votes
Saml. M. Graves — 1 vote

Hon. Depe K. Hines, having received a Majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Commander of the State Fishery Force.

On Motion of Hon. Barnes Compton the Board adjourned until Tuesday next, 18th instant.

Tuesday, April 28th 1874

The Board Met. Present:

Hon. James B. Guome,
" Leon Woolford,
" Barnes Compton,
" W^m R. Hayward,
J. S. Franklin,

On motion of Mr Franklin the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that Hon^{rs}.
Barnes Compton and William R. Hayward,
of the B. C. State Fishery Force, and Com-
mander Espe H. Arnes are hereby ap-
pointed a Committee for the purpose of
contracting for the purchase or building of
the six vessels directed to be purchased or
built by the Act of 1874 ch. 181; and they
are hereby empowered and directed to
advertise for proposals for the purchase
or construction of said vessels, the same
not to exceed in price the sum of two
thousand eight hundred dollars each,
said proposals to be closed on the 14th
day of May next; that said vessels shall
conform as near as possible to the two
sloops now in the Service, with such mod-
ifications as may be deemed expedient
by the said Committee; and that said Com-
mittee, before definitely closing any contract
for the purchase or construction of the said

Reports shall submit the same for the approval of this Board, and shall report the result of their action in the premises to this Board on or before the 19th day of May next."

The Board then resolved to go into an election viva voce for the Deputy Commanders for the First and Fifth Districts.

Hon Levin Woolford nominated Southey F. Miles as Deputy-Commander for the First District, & Commissioner Franklin nominated Samuel Mitchell as Deputy-Commander for the Fifth District - Southey M. Miles received five votes, and was declared duly elected as Deputy-Commander for the First District -

Samuel

Mitchell received five votes, and was declared duly elected as Deputy-Commander for the 5th District.

The Board passed the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Commander Anier be directed to cause the two sloops now in service to cruise in the waters of the State generally, or in such localities as he may deem most Expedient - it being the intention of this Board not to assign such sloops specially to the Districts for which the Deputy Commanders

have been Elected until the completion and
Equipment of the other vessels to be purchased
or built for the service.

On Motion the Board
adjourned.

Thursday, April 30th 1874.

The Board met - Present:

Hon. James B. Grosve,
do " Levin Woolford,
do " Barnes Compton,

The Board passed the following Order:

"Ordered by this Board that Depe K. Hines,
Commander of the State Fishery Force,
be and he is hereby requested to render such
aid in the way of Transportation to the "Com-
missioners of Fisheries" in the discharge of
their duties, as may be consistent with
a proper discharge of his duties."

The Board,
on Motion, adjourned.

Executive Chamber,
June 4th 1874

The Board met - Present:

Hon. James B. Groves,
" Lewis Woolford,
Barnes Compton,
W. R. Hayward.

The Committee to purchase or contract for vessels &c reported that the Sloop A. C. N. Matthews has been delivered to the Committee, with the changes made which were contracted to be made, and that a Bill of Sale of said vessel, with her Custom-House papers &c has been delivered to the Committee -

The report was accepted, and the Bill of Sale and Custom House papers delivered to the Commander of the State Fishery Force, to be enrolled.

On Motion of Hon. William R. Hayward, the Comptroller was directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the Sum of \$2800 in full payment of the purchase money for the said Sloop.

The Board then, on Motion of Hon. Barnes Compton, assigned the A. C. N. Matthews to the 4th District; and proceeded to Elect a Deputy Commander therefor; when Edward

Bryan was unanimously elected, who
was instructed by the Board only to
appoint his First Officer until the
further order of this Board.

On Motion
the Board adjourned.

Consultation Room, Court of Appeals,
Tuesday, August 25th 1894

The Board Met. Present:

Commissioners:

Wolford,
Compton,
Hayward,
Franklin,

On Motion, Commander Stines was directed
to purchase four dozen Smith & Wesson
pistols, with fixed ammunition Cartridges,
for the use of the S. F. Force.

On Motion, the
Board adjourned until Tuesday, 20th Sep-
tember next.

Executive Chamber,

September 10th 1874

The Board met - Present:

Comms: Groome,
Woolford,
Compton,
Franklin.

Commander Hines made a statement to the Board of the repairs needed for the Sloop *Nannie Merryman*, and on motion, was authorized to contract with Messrs McCorker for the same, at a cost not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars -

Commander Hines was further authorized to purchase 8 iron cannon for the use of the Sloop, the same not to exceed in cost the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars each -

On motion the Board adjourned until the 20th September inst -

Executive Chamber,

Monday, Sept^r 29th 1874

The Board Met. Present,

Comms^{rs}.

Groome,

Woolford,

Compton,

Hayward,

Franklin.

On motion, Commander Hines was instructed to contract, for the sum proposed by them, for the alterations proposed to be made on the Sloop *Nannie Menyan*.

On motion of Commissioner Compton, the Board resolved to proceed to the election of a Deputy-Commander for the sloop just completed, said sloop to be assigned to Talbot County.

Upon a ballot being taken Thomas J. Valliant received three votes, and Hedge Thompson received two votes, whereupon the former was declared duly elected.

On motion of Commissioner Compton, the Board resolved to postpone the election of other Deputy-Commanders until the other sloops are severally completed, and Commander Hines was requested to urge the contractors to hasten their completion by the earliest

practicable day - On motion the Board
adjourned -

Executive Chamber,
October 7th 1854 -

The Board met - Present:

Commissioners: Groome,
Wolford,
Compton,
Hayward -

Capt. Ames made a statement relative to the
existing troubles on the Virginia boundary
line, and was directed to communicate
with the Inspector of Accomack County,
Va, with a view to forming an interview
to adjust said difficulties.

Commander

Ames also reported that the Sloop built
by O. P. Johnson is now ready to be ex-
amined for acceptance -

The Board then

elected William R. Shenton Deputy
Commander for the Dorchester District,
and the Sloop above mentioned was
assigned to said District -

On Motion,

the Board adjourned -

Executive Chamber,
October 27th 1874.

The Board met. Present:

Commsrs. Groome,
Woolford,
Compton,
Hayward,
Franklin.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect a deputy-
Commander of the State Fishery Force to com-
mand the ship assigned to the waters of McCormick
County -

Commissioner Hayward nominated George A. J. Hopkins.
" Groome " James Everson.

George A. J. Hopkins received three votes and
James Everson received two votes;
whereupon the former was declared duly
elected -

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Journal of the
18th of June

Left at 10 AM
for the
mountain
at 11 AM

The weather was
very fine and
the view was
excellent

We reached the
summit at 1 PM
and found the
view to be
magnificent

We returned to
the base at 4 PM
and had a
very good dinner

The trip was
very enjoyable
and we had
a very good time

We will be
back soon
and will
bring back
some good news

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Executive Chamber,
March 31st - 1876 -

The Board met - Present:

Comms: Carroll,
Compton,
Woolford,
Hayward,
Franklin -

On motion of Commr. Compton, His Excellency John Lee Carroll was elected President of the Board -

The Board then proceeded to hear the statements of Capt. Carpenter and of Col. Miller, relative to the circumstances attending the alleged assault of parties from Alexandria on the sloop of Capt. Carpenter, at Folsom's wharf, on the Potomac River, on Tuesday, 28th March 1876 -

On motion the Board adjourned -

Executive Chamber,
April 18th - 1876 -

The Board met - Present:

Comms: Carroll,
Compton,
Woolford,
~~Hayward~~
Franklin

A. Communication was received and read from the Governor of Virginia relative to the recent disturbances on the Potomac River -

The Board passed an order requesting Commander Hines to cause Capt George Carpenter and his boat to repair to Annapolis at the earliest practicable day, in order that Capt Carpenter may be further examined touching said disturbances. On motion the Board adjourned.

Executive Chamber,

April 21st 1876 -

The Board met - Present:

Comms: Carroll,
Woolford,
Compton,
Hayward,
Franklin -

The Board proceeded to examine Capt George W. Carpenter in relation to the recent disturbances on the Potomac River -

A letter was laid before the Board from Capt. George W. Carpenter, tendering his resignation as an Officer of the State Fishery Force, which resignation was accepted by the Board -

A Resolution was adopted by the Board,

Disapproving of the action of George W. Carpenter,
for having, while in command of a vessel
in the service of the State, left said vessel and
for the redress of supposed personal grievances,
followed a vessel belonging to parties in the
state of Virginia into the waters of that state,
and for there interfering in any manner with
said vessel.

On motion the Board adjourned

Executive Chamber,

April 27th 1896 -

The Board met - Present:

Commrs Carroll,
Woolford,
Compton,
Hayward,
Franklin -

The affidavits of a number of citizens of Charles
County were read to the Board, and the state-
ments of Capt Deaty and Messrs Childs and
Hammoud were orally made, relative to the
recent disturbance in the Potomac River -

On motion the Board proceeded to the
election of Commander of the State Fishery Force.
Commr Woolford nominated William E.
Simmons. Commr Franklin nominated
J. Louis Griffith - Upon counting the ballots
Capt William E. Simmons received four votes,

and F. Louis Griffith one vote, whereupon, on motion of Commr. Franklin, Captain William C. Simons was declared unanimously elected.

The Board then proceeded to vote for Deputy Commander for the 1st District. Commr. Woolford nominated Souther F. Miles, who, there being no other nomination, was declared unanimously elected -

Commr. Franklin nominated Samuel Mitchell as Deputy Commander for the 5th District, and there being no other nomination, Capt Mitchell was declared unanimously elected -

Commissioner Compton nominated Charles H. Corey as Deputy Commander for the 6th District, and there being no other nomination, he was declared unanimously elected -

Commr. Woolford moved that the Salary of the Clerk to the Board be fixed at the sum of five hundred dollars, per annum, payable in monthly payments, and nominated, ^{Capt} Jesse K. Hines as Clerk to the Board, it being understood that he also agrees to perform the duties of Clerk to the Board of Public Works -

There being no other nomination, Capt Jesse K. Hines was unanimously elected -

On motion the Board adjourned -

Executive Chamber
June 1st 1876

The Board of Commissioners of
The State Fishery Force and
present. Commissioners

Carroll.

Woolford

Compton

Haywards

Capt Wm E Summons through S. H. L. McClure Esq
Command for State Fishery Force makes statement
to this Board of a libel filed on the part of the
United States against Steamed Seila for four
different violations of the act of Congress
relating to vessels propelled by Steam. viz
1st In not being licensed as a steam yacht.
2nd In not being inspected as to hull and
boiler 3rd in running without a regularly
licensed engineer 4th in running without
a regularly licensed pilot. and that the
said Steamed was now under bonds for-
same. all of which said matter is
passed over until next meeting.

The term for which the Deputy Com-
mander of Sloop Mary Compton in the
4th district being about to expire it
was on motion of Commissioner Compton
ordered that the board proceed to
elect a Deputy Commander for said

Boat and District for the succeeding two years. Whereupon the following named persons were placed in nomination viz.

Edward Bryan.

William B Bryan

John A Collier &

Garrett M Hartt

and on taking a ballot. it was found that Edward Bryan had two votes and that William B Bryan had two votes and no one having received a majority of the votes. the further consideration of the matter was laid over until Wednesday June 14th next.

On motion the board then adjourned

Jesse S Series Secy

Annapolis June 14. 1876

Board of Commissioners of
State Fishery Force met
and were present.

Me^r Carroll

Woolford

Complin

Hayward

Franklin

On motion of Dr W. R. Hayward Com^r the
Board was adjourned until next
Wednesday at 12 noon

Jesse S Series

Secy.

Annapolis August 25th 1876

Board of Commissioners of State Fishery
Five met and were present. Messrs

Governor Carroll

Comptroller Woolford

Commissioner Hayward

The Bill of James A S McClure for Services in the case of the U S. Co Steamer Silda for \$250 and bill for \$20⁶³ cents in the same case were by the board passed and ordered to be paid.

Commander Timmons presented his report required by the law with sundry requests as therein stated and he is hereby directed by the board to purchase two new small boats for the Steamer Silda and to have a new exhaust pump made for said Steamer. On motion the Board then adjourned.

Jesse S. Jones

Secy.

Annapolis Sept^r 6th 1876

Board of Commissioners of the State Fishery Force
met and were present.

Governor. Bro Lee Carroll

Comptroller Lewis Woodford

Treasurer Barnes Compton

Land Com^r. W^rR Hayward

Ch^o Court Appeals James S. Franklin.

The matter of the election of a deputy Commissioner
for the district comprising Kent and Queen Anne's
Counties being before the board, the consideration
thereof was further postponed until Friday next.
And it was ordered that at the election then to
take place Barnes Compton State Treasurer a
member of the board empried to his house
from an accident, shall be allowed to vote
by letter for the candidate for said position
whom he may select.

On motion the board was then adjourned
until Friday Sept. 8th - at 2 1/2 o'clock,

James S. Franklin
Secretary.

Annapolis September 8th 1876.
Office of Commissioners of
State Fishery Force.

Board met pursuant to adjournment and
were present Messrs Carroll Compton by proxy
Woolford Franklin & Hayward.

The Board proceeded to elect a deputy
Commander for the district comprising Kent
and Queen Annes Counties and in counting
the ballots William C Bryan was de-
clared elected.

Board then adjourned to the first Wednesday
of October next.

Jesse S. Davis
Clerk.

Annapolis October 4th 1876

Board met and being without a quorum
was adjourned until first Wednesday of
November next.

Jesse S. Davis Clerk

Annapolis November 1, 1876

Board met and being without a quorum
was adjourned until first Wednesday of
December next.

Jesse S. Davis
Clerk

Board of Commissioners of
State Fishery Force

Annapolis Dec^r 6th 1876

Board met. pursuant to adjournment and were present Messrs Carroll Woolford Compton Hayward and Franklin.

The following bills were passed and ordered to be paid viz.

Capt. Samuel Mitchell Sloop Annie Merryman for \$ 288 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀

Capt. Edward Bryan Sloop Mary Compton for \$ 58 ⁴⁰/₁₀₀

Adj^t Genl Bond for cartridges furnished force for \$ 6000

The following order presented by Commissioner Franklin was unanimously adopted.

Ordered by the Board that Captain Wm. E. Simmins is hereby notified and required that he shall notify by copy of this order the deputy Commanders that no bill shall be contracted by them for any purpose except in case of unavoidable and absolute necessity without first obtaining the approval of the Commander of the force, and that said Commander be also required to endorse and certify to the Board all such bills so contracted with his approval.

The Board then proceeded to elect deputy Commanders for the second third

and the Patuxent Boat in the sixth districts
whereupon the following persons were nominated
For the second district Choptank Station
W^m R. Shenton. Weonico Station Geo. A. S.
Hopkins and James R. Willing.

For the third district Hedy Thompson and
Thomas J. Valiant for Patuxent Station sixth
District Joseph Forrest. and upon balloting
upon these nominations the following persons
were declared elected.

Second District Choptank Station	W. R. Shenton
" " Weonico "	James R. Willing
Third " "	Hedy Thompson
Sixth " Patuxent "	Joseph Forrest.

Charges of a grave character having been
made by persons resident of Kent County against
William C. Bryan Commander of Sloop -
Mary Compton 4th District the following
preamble and order offered by Comptroller
Compton was adopted.

Whereas grave charges of inefficiency and neglect
of duty by responsible citizens against Captain
W. C. Bryan have been made to this Board
therefore Be it ordered. That the attention
of Captain Terminus be called to this subject
by the Secretary of this Board and that Captain
Terminus be requested to look into the sub-
ject and report at the earliest time con-
venient to this Board.

The Board was then adjourned until

the first Wednesday of January next.

Jesse R. Davis

Secretary

January 3^d 1877

The Board met pursuant to adjournment Pres. Comptroller Woolford, there being no quorum present the Board adjourned until the first Tuesday of February next

Jesse R. Davis

Secretary.

February 6 1877

The Board met pursuant to adjournment Present His Excellency Gov. Carroll Comptroller Woolford. Commissioner Land Office Hayward & Clerk Court of Appeals Franklin -

The Governor laid before the Board a letter from Edwin H. Brown Esq. State Atty. for Anne Arundel County complaining of infractions of the Oyster law in Eastern Bay. On motion by Gov. Carroll it was ordered that Capt. Timmons be ordered to go at once to Eastern Bay and cruise there as long as necessary to protect those waters and also assist to get the sloops free from the ice so as to render them available to protect the waters in their respective districts. A bill of J. H. Vansant for carriage hire for Capt. Leml. Mitchell to go to Thomas Point during the ice blockade amounting to 15⁰⁰ was ordered to be paid.

Adjourned to Monday 12 March, 1877 -

Test -

Jesse R. Davis

Annapolis, 12 March, 1877-

State Fishery Commission met. Present Gov. Carroll, Compt. Woodford, Treasurer Compton. The Governor laid before the Commissioners a petition from sundry citizens of Kent County complaining of Capt W^m C. Bryan. Whereupon it was ordered that the clerk give notice to Capt. Bryan that he is required to answer this petition in person at Annapolis on Tuesday, the 20th instant. On motion the Board proceeded to elect a clerk to the State Fishery Commission, said clerk also to perform the duties of Clerk to the Board of Public Works, where Dr. E. St. Holbrook was unanimously elected and his salary fixed at three hundred dollars a year payable monthly.

List

Edward St. Holbrook, Clerk -

Annapolis, March 20th 1877-

State Fishery Commission met. Present Governor Carroll, Comptroller Woodford, Dr. Hayward + Jas. L. Franklin, Engr. Governor Carroll read the charges against Capt. W^m C. Bryan and called on Capt. Bryan to answer them which he did. Capt. Simmons was also examined by the Board in regard to the charges.

It was then ordered that the following gentlemen be summoned to appear before the Board on Wednesday the 24th of April to sustain the charges, namely. S. G. Fisher, M.D., Thos. B. Willson, M.D., L. J. Miles, B. J. Perkins, W^m R. Johnson, J. V. Crosby, and that Capt. Bryan then be present.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday 24th April

1877-

List -

Edward St. Holbrook. Clerk

April 4th 1847-

The Board met. Present Gov. Carroll, Compt. Woolford, Treas. Compton, Land Com. Hayward, and Mr. Hodges atty. for defendant.

Several witnesses were examined in reference to the complaint made against Capt. Bryan. Mr. Hodges, atty. appeared for the defendant. After the close of the examinations the Board held a private consultation, and determined unanimously to call for Capt. Bryan's resignation.

E. H. Holbrook - Clerk

Annapolis, April 20th 1847-

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Gov. Carroll, Comptroller Woolford, Treasurer Compton, and Land Commissioner Hayward. The Governor laid before the Commission the resignation of W^m C. Bryan, Dep. Commander of O. P. Force, to take effect on the first of May next. — Whereupon the Board proceeded to the election of Dep. Commander in place of said Bryan, when Valentine B. Clements was elected. The Clerk was ordered to inform Mr. Clements of his election.

Edward H. Holbrook, Clerk.

Annapolis, May 10th 1847.

The Board met. Present His Excellency Governor Carroll, Comptroller Woolford, Treasurer Compton, Commissioner of Land Office,

Hayward. The Board considered the charges made by the grand jury of Kent County against Capt. W^m E. Timmers. Several witnesses were sworn and examined. The Board then proceeded to consider and determine the case, and found unanimously that the charges were not sustained. The Board then adjourned.

Edward H. Hollbrook, Clerk

Annapolis, Nov. 15. 1877 -

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners met. Present Governor Carroll, Comptroller Woolford, Treasurer Compton, Commissioner of the Land Office Hayward & Clerk of the Court of Appeals Franklin.

A petition of Patrick Kelly that the board enquire into charges made against Lemuel Mitchell, Deputy Commander of the State Fishery Force, in command of the Sloop named Merryman, and making said charges. Also a petition of Patrick Corbett, stating that said Mitchell had contracted a debt for said vessel, and had refused to pay the same, and praying that the Board enquire into said charge. The Board appointed Wednesday next, 21st instant, at 12 o'clock to hear said charges, and ordered that Capt. Mitchell be notified of said appointment and be present before the Board to defend said charges. Adjourned -

Test =

E. H. Hollbrook, Clerk

Annapolis, Nov. 21st 1877-

The Board met. Present Governor Carroll, Comptroller Woolford, Treasurer Compton, Commissioners of the Land Office Hayward and Clerk of the Court of Appeals-

Mr. McClure, the Counsel in the case, being sick, the trial was not proceeded with, and the Board adjourned until Tuesday next, Nov. 27. 1877-

E. H. Holbrook, Clerk-

Annapolis, Nov. 27, 1877-

The Board met. Present Governor Carroll, Comptroller Woolford, Commissioners of the Land Office Hayward and Clerk of the Court of Appeals-

Mr. McClure, the Counsel in the case, being sick, the trial was not proceeded with, and the Board adjourned until Wednesday, Dec. 5th 1877-

E. H. Holbrook, Clerk-

Annapolis, Dec. 5th 1877-

Board met pursuant to adjournment. There were present Governor John Lee Carroll, Comptroller Levin Woolford, Treasurer Barnes Compton and Clerk of Court of Appeals James S. Franklin.

The charges against Deputy Commander Samuel Mitchell were then taken up and investigated. The first charge against him as taken up before the Board was for malfeasance in office, upon the petition of Patrick Corbett. After hearing the testimony on this branch of the case the Board were of opinion that the proof did not sustain the charge of

malfeasance in office as charged in said petition. The petition was therefore dismissed.

The hearing of the charges contained in the petition of Patrick Kelly was postponed until Wednesday, 19th December, instant -

E. H. Holbrook. Clerk.

Executive Chamber, Annapolis,
Dec. 19th 1878.

The Board of State Fishery Commission met. Present Governor Carroll, Comptroller Wolford, Treasurer Compton, Comr of the Land Office Hayward and Clerk of the Court of Appeals Franklin. Gov. Carroll in the Chair.

The charges made against Capt Samuel Mitchell by Patrick Kelly were read. James A. S. McElhiney Esq. appeared in behalf of Capt. Kelly and Hon. Wm H. Tuck and S. Thomas McCullough Esq. appeared as counsel for Capt. Mitchell.

A large number of witnesses were sworn and examined for the prosecution and a large number for the defence. Arguments was made by the Counsel on each side. After hearing the evidence and argument the Board took the case under advisement and adjourned to meet at such day as should be designated hereafter by the Governor.

Test.

E. H. Holbrook -
Clerk.

Executive Chamber -

Annapolis, Jan. 9. 1878.

The State Fishery Com^{rs} met pursuant to the call of the Governor, Present Gov. Carroll, Compt. Wolford, Treas. Compton, Com^r Land Office Hayward and Clerk of the Court of Appeal Franklin.

The Commission^{ers} proceeded to consider the testimony in the matter of the charges brought against Capt. Lemuel Mitchell by Patrick Kelly and after consideration passed the following resolution: -

Resolved by the Board of the State Fishery Force that the testimony taken in the matter of the petition of Patrick Kelly against Lemuel Mitchell shows that as Commanded of the Sloop named Merryman Captain Mitchell did not on the occasion referred to exercise a proper discretion in the use of fire arms, while the Board wishes to express their appreciation of the efficient services which Capt. Mitchell has rendered during the past years, they feel constrained in the present instance to express their disapproval of his action and therefore are compelled to ask for his resignation.

The Secy. is hereby directed to serve a copy of this resolution upon Captain Mitchell.

The Board then adjourned.

List:

E. M. Holbrook. Clerk.

Executive Department -

Annapolis, Jan'y. 17. 1878.

The Board of Fishery Commissioners met pursuant to the call of the Governor. Present His Excellency the Governor, Hon. Lewis Wolford Comptroller, Barnes Compton Treasurer - N. R. Hayward Commissioner of the Land Office and James S. Franklin Clerk of the Court of Appeals -

The Governor laid before the Board a communication from Capt. Lemuel Mitchell, in response to the Resolutions passed by the Board on 9th instant -

Mr. Wolford moved the adoption of the following resolutions which were passed.

Resolved that the response of Capt. Lemuel Mitchell to the resolution of this Board passed on the 9th instant demanding his resignation is in contempt and defiance of its authority, and this Board being clear in the opinion that Capt. Mitchell's acts took place before the passage of said resolution and since his notification thereof, demand his instant removal from the office of Deputy Commander of the State Fishery ~~force~~^{he} is directed to ~~make~~ immediately be removed accordingly, and the Commander of the Fishery force is directed to take immediate possession of the Sloop Annie Merryman and retain possession of said Sloop until a deputy Commander is appointed and commissioned in the place of said Mitchell.

Resolved that the pay of Capt. Mitchell as such Deputy Commander shall cease from and after the date of his letter in response to said resolution.

Capt. Simmons, Commander of the State Fishery

Force was sent for and appeared before the Board and a copy of the above resolutions was given to him with instructions to execute the same, and the Board adjourned.

List.

E. H. Holbrook. Clerk.

Executive Department.

Annapolis, March 6. 1878.

Board met. Present His Excellency Gov. Carroll, Comptroller Keating, Treasurer Comp. Tow.

Report of Capt. Simmons received and ordered to be filed.

Dr. Green, of Annapolis, was elected Clerk of the Fishery Force and Board of Public Works. The Comptroller was requested to inform Dr. Green of his election, to take effect the first of April next, and to notify him of the duties which he is expected to perform. His salary was fixed at twenty-five dollars a month.

A petition of Citizens to remove Capt. Miles from the command of Sloop "Bessie Woolford", was read and considered. It was then laid over. The Board adjourned.

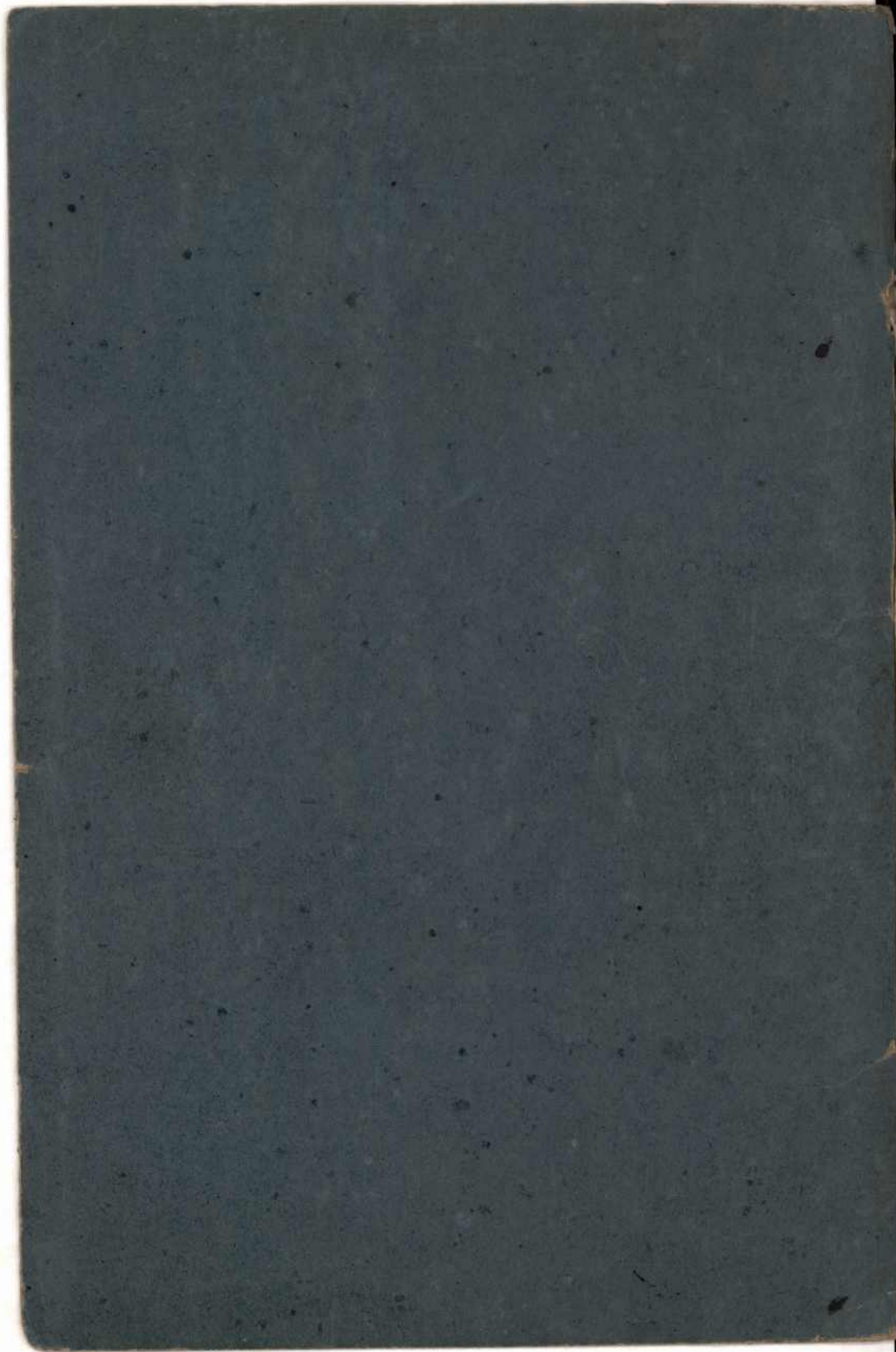
E. H. Holbrook. Clerk.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the business of the office at present. I will endeavor to do all in my power to expedite the same.

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Minutes
of
Board of Commissioners
of
State O. P. Force

Executive Chamber

April 25th 1878

The Board met. Present

Commsr. Carroll

" Hayward

" Franklin

The following order was passed

"Ordered by the Board of the State Fishery force, that the Commander of the Steamer "Leila" be instructed to discharge the officers and crew of the said Steamer on the 30th of the present month, and that he be authorized to retain in service the 2nd officer, the engineer, the cook and Benjamin Brown the fireman who was seriously injured while in discharge of his duty."

The Board then adjourned until Tuesday the 30th inst at 10 o'clock

Rich. H. Groves Secy.

Executive Chamber

Tuesday April 30th 1878

The Board met. Present

Commsr. Carroll

" Compton

" Hayward

" Franklin

on motion the board proceeded to the election of a

Commander of the State Fishery Force,
Comdr. Hayward, nominated Samuel M.
Travers, who, there being no other nominations
was duly elected Commander for two years.

On motion the following order was adopted

"Ordered by the Board that the Secretary
inform the Commander of the State Fishery
Force, that it is the desire of the Board
that no appointments be made by him
of the crew of the Steamer Leila until such
repairs are completed as will render the
said steamer fit for service, and further
that the said Commander examine as
soon as practicable, the condition of the said
steamer and her boilers, make an estimate
of the cost of putting her thoroughly in
repair and in every way fitted for service,
and report to this Board the nature of
the repairs demanded and the cost thereof"

The Board then proceeded to the
election of a Deputy Commander for the
6th District,

Comdr. Corbitt nominated William
S. Childs, & no other nominations being
made, he was declared duly elected
Deputy Commander

After which, on motion
the Board adjourned until 2nd Oct 88

Rich. H. Green Secy.

Executive Chamber
Tuesday 2^d Dec 18

(The Board met pursuant to adjournment)

Present

Commr.	Carroll
"	Keating
"	Compton
"	Hayward
"	Franklin

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of a Deputy Commander for the 1st District Commissioner Hayward, nominated Capt. Wm. L. Cullin, Commr. Keating nominated George W. Scott & Commr. Compton nominated Capt. Southey H. Moiles. The following ballots were then had

1st Ballot

Moiles 1. Scott 2. Cullin 2. votes

2nd Ballot

Moiles 1. Scott 2. Cullin 2. votes

3rd Ballot

Moiles 2. Scott 1. Cullin 2. votes

4th Ballot

Moiles 1. Scott 2. Cullin 2. votes

5th Ballot

Moiles 2. Scott 1. Cullin 2. votes

6th Ballot

Cullin 3. Scott 2. votes
Captain William S. Cullin having
received a majority of the whole number of
votes cast, was unanimously declared elected
Deputy Commander for the 1st District

The Board then adjourned subject
to the call of the Governor.

Rich^d H. Green Secy

Executive Chamber
Annapolis June 3rd 1878

The Board of State Fisheries Commissioners
met pursuant to a call by the Governor

Present

Commissioner Carroll
" Keating
" Compton

The board examined certain voluntary
proposals for furnishing a new boiler for steamer
Lula and rejected them all, and ordered
that the board advertise for proposals for
furnishing the same, said bids to be opened
on Wednesday June 12th at 2 o'clock, said
bids to be in accordance with specifications
deposited with Secretary of board for examination
The board then

adjourned until Wednesday 12th day of June
Rich. H. Green Secty.

Executive Chamber

June 12th 1878

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners
met pursuant to adjournment. were present

Commissioner Carroll

" Keating

" Compton

" Hayward

The board then proceeded to open the bids
for New Boiler &c for State Steamer Gila,
which were as follows: W. S. Measter
\$2600 & allow \$200 for old boiler! L. Reeder
& Low \$3160 & allow \$150 for old boiler! A.
A Ramsay & Co \$2293 & allow \$150 for old
boiler! Jas Murray & Low \$2920 & allow
\$120 for old boiler! James Clark & Co \$2669
& allow \$120 for old boiler! Thomas Roberts
& Co. (Boiler \$2050, Hatch \$125, Discharge Box
\$115) total \$2290 & allow \$100 for old boiler.
The contract was then awarded to A. A Ramsay
& Co. they being the lowest bidders for the sum
of \$2293 less \$150 for old boiler, one half of the amount
to be paid when the work is half done, & balance when the same is completed.
On motion the board then adjourned.

Rich. H. Green Secty.

Executive Chamber

September 19th 1878

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners
met. Present

Comms. Carroll

" Compton

" Keating

" Franklin

The Report of Commauder Travers was read,
And it was ordered that Comms. Travers should
employ the usual crew for the Steamer Lida, their
pay to date from Oct 1st

It was ordered by the Board that the sum of
\$41.45 be paid to Geo. W. Carpenter being the balance
due on Bill rendered

The Board then adjourned

Richd W Green Secy.

Executive Chamber

December 12th 1878

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners
met. Present

Comms. Carroll

" Compton

" Keating

" Hayward

" Franklin

The board then proceeded to the election of a Deputy Commander for the 2nd District. Wickford Station, Commissioner Hayward nominated James R. Kelling, there being no other nomination, and he having received five votes, was unanimously elected. For the 2nd District, Schoptans Station, Commr. Hayward nominated W^m. R. Sherwin, there being no other nominations, and he having received five votes, was unanimously elected. Commissioner Keating, then offered the following resolution, which was adopted "Ordered that it is the sense of the board, that there should be a band appointed upon the Gallot County sloop from New Ames County, & upon the Dorchester sloop from Gallot County & upon the Wickford sloop from Dorchester County, for the protection of oyster interests of the respective Counties from which said bands are to be taken. For the Deputy Commander of the 3rd District Commissioner Compton nominated Hedge Thompson, & there being no other nominations he having received five votes, was unanimously elected. For the 6th District, Paluxent Station Commissioner Compton nominated Joseph P. Sellers, there being no other nominations, & he having received five votes, was unanimously

elected

The Board then adjourned
Rich. H. Green Secy.

Aunapoli's July 23rd 1879
Executive Chamber

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners
met. Present.

Commr. Carroll

" Hayward

" Franklin

The Report of Commander Travers was filed
and read.

It was ordered that Commander Travers
bring his Steamer to Aunapoli, and if
necessary, he is authorized to expend the sum
of \$50 or \$75 to accomplish the object

It was ordered that the Capt of Lug Ella
be paid the sum of \$50 for towing the sloop
Aurine Meryman into Aunapoli's Harbor

The Board then adjourned
Rich. H. Green Secy

Executive Chamber

June 12th 1879

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners met. Present

Commissioner Carroll

" Hayward

" Franklin

A letter was read addressed to His Excellency Governor Carroll from J. J. Taylor M.D. complaining of violations of the law by continued dredging in the waters of Tangier Sound. On motion the communication was forwarded to Capt Travers accompanied by the request of the Board that he will immediately repair with the "Lula" to Tangier Sound, communicate with Capt Lullin & take such other steps as may be necessary to prevent all violations of the law in that locality.

On motion the Board adjourned

Rich. H. Green Secy

Executive Chamber

Annapolis June 7th 1880

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners met
Present

Commissioner Carroll

" Hayward

" Jones

Commander Keating
" Compton

On motion of Dr Hayward it was ordered, that the Captain of the Steamer be directed to send to the Meomies waters, Captain Sherlow and his sloop to prevent violations of Law in that region from time to time.

On motion Valerius Clements was elected Captain, commanding the sloop in the 2nd District for two years from the first day of May eighteen hundred & seventy nine.

The resignation of James R. Welling was handed in and accepted, of the 2nd District

The Board then adjourned
Rich. H. Green Secy.

Executive Chamber

Annapolis July 20th 1880

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners met. Present

Commander Hamilton
" Keating
" Compton
" Hayward
" Jones.

On motion the Board went into an election of a Deputy Commander for the sloop "Carrie Franklin" Meomies Station in place of Captain

(Killing. Resigned. Mr James L. Bedeworth
being the only name put in nomination, he was
unanimously elected Deputy Commander for the
term of two years from date.

The Board then adjourned
Rich. H. Green Secy.

Comptrollers Office

Annapolis July 23rd 1880

The Board of State Fishing Commissioners met
Present Commr Hamilton

" Seating

" Comptroller

On motion it was Resolved that the Board extend
an invitation to Richard W. Edmonds to make a
cruise over the oyster beds of Maryland on the State
Steamer "Leila", when it may suit his convenience, and
that the Secretary of the Board notify him, as well as
Captain Travers of the action of the Board

The Board then adjourned

Rich. H. Green Secy

Executive Chamber

Annapolis July 24th 1880

The Board of State Fishing Commissioners met
Present

Comms Hamilton
" Compton
" Keating
" Hayward
" Jones

On motion George ^{W.} Clark was re-elected Deputy
Commander of Sloop "Aurora Merryman" for 2 years
from 24th July 1880. The Board then adjourned

Rich. H. Green Secy.

Executive Chamber

Annapolis March 2nd 1880

The Board of State Fishery Commissioners met

Present Comms Hamilton
" Keating
" Compton
" Hayward
" Jones

On motion it was ordered that Capt. Gravers of the
Steamer Leila be and he is hereby authorized to order
& direct the Commanders Sheriton & Collins, wherever
he thinks best for the protection of the oyster service, and
the Commander is required to report any disobedience
of his orders to this Board

The Board then adjourned

Rich. H. Green Secy.

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